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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-85/86)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 12-22 have been examined and are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
- Claim 14, line 2, recites the limitation "**said storing and transmitting**". The independent claim 12 contains two limitations of "transmitting", therefore it is unclear as to the antecedent basis for this limitation.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 12-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 12 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Costa-Requena et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0202303) in view of Fournier (US Pub. No. 2005/0287997).

As per claim 12, Costa-Requena teaches **a method for establishment of a communication link from a first telecommunication device to a second telecommunication device via a telecommunication network ([0004]), comprising:**

sending a connection establishment message with a data object, which is allocated to a first subscriber, to the telecommunication network in order to establish the communication link (Fig. 4, [0007], SIP (session initiation protocol) INVITE to include a document via communication network (see [0004]));

storing, after sending the connection establishment message, the data object via the telecommunication network on a data provision component (Fig. 4, [0007], storing the document in the data store of the server (15));

transmitting a call signaling message from the telecommunication network to the second telecommunication device providing reference information which refers to the data provision component on which the data object of the first subscriber has been stored (Fig. 4, [26, 34-35], INVITE with URL (uniform resource locator) sent to callee (16));

signaling the data provision component from the second telecommunication device by using the reference information requesting that the data provision component transmit the data object, which is allocated to the subscriber, to the second telecommunication device ([0026], callee (16) retrieves the document from the server (15) using URL);

transmitting the data object from the data provision component to the second telecommunication device (Fig. 4, server (15) sending document) to callee (16)); and

Costa-Requena is silent on **playing the data object at the second telecommunication** which is a conventional feature in the communications field.

However, Fournier, in an analogous art, discloses **playing the data object at the second telecommunication device** ([31,46], Playing caller ID files included in the signaling message).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Costa-Requena to include **playing the data object at the second telecommunication device**, as taught in Fournier for the purpose of identifying a calling party.

As per claim 22, the claim is rejected for the same reasoning as in claim 12, except the claim is in system claim format.

5. Claims 13-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Costa-Requena-Fournier, as applied to claim 12, and further in view of Donnelly (US Pub. No. 2004/0223605).

As per claim 13, Costa-Requena-Fournier discloses **the method according to claim 12** but is silent on **wherein the telecommunication network has a first**

subnetwork to which the first telecommunication device has been allocated and a second subnetwork to which the second telecommunication device has been allocated, the first and second subnetworks being connected with each other via a switching component which is a conventional feature in the communications field.

However, Donnelly, in an analogous art, discloses **wherein the telecommunication network has a first subnetwork to which the first telecommunication device has been allocated and a second subnetwork to which the second telecommunication device has been allocated, the first and second subnetworks being connected with each other via a switching component** (Paragraph [0026, 0196], discloses that calling terminal and the called terminal can be associated with distinct communication networks capable of supporting a connection session between each other via server (see fig. 1)).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Costa-Requena-Fournier to include **wherein the telecommunication network has a first subnetwork to which the first telecommunication device has been allocated and a second subnetwork to which the second telecommunication device has been allocated, the first and second subnetworks being connected with each other via a switching component**, as taught in Donnelly for the purpose of allowing communication between diverse networks.

As per claim 14, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 13**. Costa-Requena further discloses **wherein the switching component performs said storing** ([0007], server (15) contains a data store) and **transmitting** (Fig. 4, server (15) transmitting document).

As per claim 15, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 14**. Costa-Requena discloses **wherein the data provision component is arranged on a network and connected to the switching component** ([0007], server (15) contains a data store located within a communication network).

Fournier further discloses a network **based on an Internet protocol** ([0026], server communicating via internet protocol (IP) network). Examiner maintains same motivation to combine as in claim 12.

As per claim 16, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 15**. Costa-Requena further discloses **wherein the reference information has a uniform resource identifier** (i.e. URL) (Examiner understands the URL to be the reference information. [26, 34-35], INVITE with URL (uniform resource locator) sent to callee (16))

As per claim 17, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 16**. Costa-Requena further discloses **wherein the second telecommunication device is in a communication session in accordance with a**

session initiation protocol ([0004], SIP used for call setup between caller and callee).

As per claim 18, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 17. Costa-Requena further discloses wherein the switching component, as a call signaling message, sends an INVITE message to the second telecommunication device into which the reference information has been inserted (Fig. 4, illustrates server (14) sending an invite including URL to callee (16)).**

As per claim 19, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 18. Fournier further discloses wherein the data object includes picture information, tone information and text information ([0031], caller id data may comprise images, audio or text). Examiner maintains same motivation to combine as in claim 12.**

As per claim 20, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 19. Costa-Requena further discloses wherein at least one of the first and second telecommunication devices is one of a mobile radio device, a mobile telephone or a computer with a radio module (Fig.4, [0021-22], discloses wireless calling between terminals (12, 16)).**

As per claim 21, Costa-Requena-Fournier-Donnelly discloses **the method according to claim 20. Fournier further discloses wherein the telecommunication**

network includes a mobile radio network functioning according to one of a global system for mobile communication (i.e. GSM) standard and a universal mobile telecommunications system standard (i.e. UTMS) ([0021], discloses the use of GSM and UTMS communication networks). Examiner maintains same motivation to combine as in claim 12.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JESSICA CLIFTON whose telephone number is (571)270-7156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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